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This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

DISC ROLL, METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME, AND DISC MEMBER BASE MATERIAL

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This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

- ☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☐ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract
☐ Please **delete** the following inventors in the continuation/division/continuation-in-part application:

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56 pages of specification and claims (including 28 numbered claims), and
3 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.

☐ Attached is a Power of Attorney.

☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed
2003-36737	JAPAN	14 February 2003
2003-58845	JAPAN	5 March 2003
2003-71971	JAPAN	17 March 2003
2004-20915	JAPAN	29 January 29, 2004

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

- ☐ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.
☐ Certified copy(ies) filed on _____ in prior application no. _____ filed _____
☐ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.
☐ The prior application is assigned to
☐ It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the above parent application(s) by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached, but pursuant to Rule 98(d) copies are not required.
☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.
☐ Please enter the attached preliminary amendment **prior** to calculation of filing fee:

☐ Also attached: ☐ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; ☐ Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; ☐ Other:

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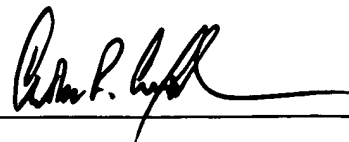
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